



Docket No.: 1185.1018(STB)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI, et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Group Art Unit: 2872

Filed: December 23, 1996

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: LIGHT CONTROL ELEMENT AND SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on January 17, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 17, 2002.

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted, and reconsideration of the allowability of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

It is noted that claims 1-3 and 8 were previously canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed October 3, 2001.

Claims 4-7 and 9-11 are pending and under consideration.

REQUEST FOR ANSWER TO TRAVERSAL:

In accordance with MPEP 707.07(f), applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner respond to the remarks set forth herein. In the Response under 37 CFR 1.116 filed August 13, 2001, applicants described specifically why the cited motivation for combining the cited references is not applicable, as the cited primary reference Prior Art, prior art set forth in the present application on pages 1-5 and FIGS. 11-12, already solves the problem for which the